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Enclosed is a new template for agency fire management plans based on the reformatted interagency template. The new template is designed to be compatible across agency boundaries and to facilitate transitioning current plans to the new format. Note that the fire management plan must be based on actions described in land management plans. To facilitate the consideration of fire management into land management plans, a technical guide (TG-09), *Integrating Fire Management Into Land Management Plans*, was jointly developed by Fire and Aviation Management and Ecosystem Management Coordination and distributed in January 2009.

The new fire management plan template was developed collaboratively by representatives of the regional fire planner group and Washington Office Fire and Aviation Management staff. The template and instructions are enclosed and also accessible on the agency's FMP website <http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/fire/fmp/>. Please note that sections of the template may not be edited to ensure compliance with current guidance and consistency.

As land management planning policy and federal wildland fire policy guidance evolve, the template may need to be modified. My staff will keep you informed of any potential modifications.

The template should be implemented by all Forests and Grasslands in 2010 consistent with the annual dates established below. Units that would like to move forward with implementation in 2009 are encouraged to do so.

Also, effective immediately I am modifying the annual due dates established in FSH 5109.19 section 52.1 for reviewing and updating fire management plans. These revised dates are based on discussions with your regional fire planners and are as follows:

February 1 – Regions 8 and 9

April 1 – Regions 4 and 10

May 1 - Regions 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6

Within 30 days of the established due dates, Regions will notify the Director of Fire and Aviation Management, Washington Office that the updates have been completed.



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Agency direction, FSH 5109.19, will be revised in 2009 to reflect these dates and updated guidance for completing fire management plans. For additional information contact Leslie Sekavec at [lsekavec@fs.fed.us](mailto:lsekavec@fs.fed.us) or 208-387-5228.

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